

PRINCIPALS' MONTHLY REPORT – FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL

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With contributing reports from teachers, advisors, coaches, and the community.

MONTH: APRIL

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Developing the whole student. Achieving excellence in academics, athletics, and the arts.

ANATOLE FRANCE:

The whole art of teaching is only the art of awakening the natural curiosity of young minds for the purpose of satisfying it afterwards.



Photo artist: Jessica Bujalski – 10th Grade

SUPPORT STAFF

Special recognition to Mrs. Gloria Morell who works in our resource room and prepares all photocopied materials for the high school as well as special projects and materials for the other two buildings. She is also a major component in our athletic program maintaining our complex schedule online system for extracurricular activities, emergency contact data, and rosters / lettering and awards. We'd be lost without her high degree of organization and responsibility. We appreciate all of her efforts. She has been an employee at the high school for 9 years.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH for APRIL

9th grade – R J Petrella

10th grade – Justine Lackey

11th grade – Erin O'Dell

12th grade – Emily Nash

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE
WELL ROUNDED STUDENTS –
SELECTED FOR THEIR MANY
ACCOMPLISHMENTS!**

WEBSITE

Find out all about Fairview High School life at

www.fairviewhighschool.wikispaces.com

SCHEDULES

Final schedules and class rosters will be distributed before the end of April. This will allow any problems / questions to be addressed while school is still in session. Efforts have been made to prepare an effective master schedule, taking into account the numerous factors that enter into this project.. One of the key issues has been dealing with class size – trying to balance classes. Also we have attempted to spread the classes around so that availability of given classes is at an optimum and the semesters are balanced in different ways. However, given our relatively small size and the large number of offerings, there are times when a student's alternate requests must be used instead. Thank you for your understanding.

MAINTENANCE

Largest most recent project was transferring all FHS student records to the Central Administration Building except for those from the past 4 years. Law states that we must keep records for 100 years. A total of 14 large fire-proof reinforced cabinets were relocated from rooms around the Guidance Office. This move has given FHS some additional storage area and a new guidance meeting/ scheduling room. Also the department is busy keeping all of our fields and courts in playing condition for our games. While we understand that our flowers need rain – our spring sports prefer it go away and come again another day.



COMMUNITY HONORS

The following seniors were recently honored at the annual scholarship dinner of the Fairview/Lake City/Girard club: Ellie Westfall, Andrew Bean, and Beth Facchine.

ARIEL AND WILL DURANT:

Education is the transmission of civilization.

SPECIAL EDUCATION

The learning support classes are getting ready for their Job Shadow Day on April 23. The students will be visiting local businesses and employers to get a feel of what that job would be like. The students were asked to think of job fields they would like to explore and work in after they graduate. The students will be exploring industries such as child care, food services, maintenance, and health care.



LIBRARY

From Librarian, Kim Crotty

FHS Young Adult book club is thrilled to have gotten their mini-grant approved! Students are looking forward to being able to select some of the best young adult literature to read and discuss.

How Parents Can Encourage Teens to Read

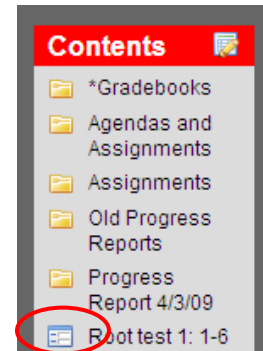
Source: RIF Parent Guide Brochure

Summary: You know that reading is important, and you obviously want to make sure that your teenager grows into adulthood with all the skills he or she needs to succeed. The following is a list of ways that to encourage your teens to read.

1. Set an example. Let your kids see you reading for pleasure.
2. Furnish your home with a variety of reading materials. Leave books, magazines, and newspapers around. Check to see what disappears for a clue to what interests your teenager.
3. Give teens an opportunity to choose their own books. When you and your teen are out together, browse in a bookstore or library. Go your separate ways and make your own selections. A bookstore gift certificate is a nice way of saying, "You choose".
4. Build on your teen's interests. Look for books and articles that feature their favorite sports teams, rock stars, hobbies, or TV shows. Give a gift subscription to a special interest magazine.
5. View pleasure reading as a value in itself. Almost anything your youngsters read--including the Sunday comics--helps build reading skills.
6. Read some books written for teens. Young adult novels can give you valuable insights into the concerns and pressures felt by teenagers. You may find that these books provide a neutral ground on which to talk about sensitive subjects.
7. Make reading aloud a natural part of family life. Share an article you clipped from the paper, a poem, a letter, or a random page from an encyclopedia--without turning it into a lesson.
8. Acknowledge your teen's mature interests. Look for ways to acknowledge the emerging adult in your teens by suggesting some adult reading you think they can handle.
9. Keep the big picture in mind. For all sorts of reasons, some teenagers go through periods without showing much interest in reading. Don't panic! Time, and a few tips from this brochure, may help rekindle their interest.

Integrating Technology into 21st Century Classrooms at Fairview High School

April 2009



Fairview High School Edline Includes New Features!

Teachers can create quizzes or homework assignments that students can turn in electronically to the Edline site, and teachers develop online discussion boards that they monitor through Edline! Look for these new Fairview classrooms.

12	13	14	15	16
In Class: Go Over Chapter 3 Section 3	Chapter 3 Test	In Class: Chapter 6 Section 1	In Class: Chapter 6 Section 2	In Class: Chapter 6 Section 3
Quiz Chapter 3 Section 3	Self Test: Essential Concepts Chapter 3	QC6S1: Quiz Chapter 6 Section 1		
In Class: Chapter 6 Section 4	In Class: Chapter 6 Test	10 Section 1	10 Section 2	10 Section 3

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Parents: Students who have not activated their own Edline accounts and who have been using their parents' Edline logins and passwords need to stop in to see Mrs. Stevens in room 210 or Mrs. Lipinski in the library to activate their own accounts. These new Edline features only will be displayed to and can be used by students enrolled in Fairview High School classes. We'd be happy to help them!

Homework Hand-in:

With homework hand-in assignments, teachers can create assignments by attaching a document and adding instructions for students. Once the teacher activates the homework hand-in assignment, students can then download the assignment from Edline, and then resubmit their completed homework to the teacher through an Internet connection.

Interactive Assignments: If a homework assignment requires more than simply completing and resubmitting the same item, there is another, more sophisticated option. Several forms of the interactive assignment are available to allow students to submit work. Students can login to Edline and fill out an assignment (by answering questions included in the assignment), or attach a previously created document (i.e., a Word document, pdf, PowerPoint, or any other file type) for submission to a teacher.

Quiz: Teachers can build a quiz to include many different types of questions such as multiple choice, short answer, dropdown lists and paragraph answer. Teachers also can attach files, images, and videos to a quiz. Students also can include an attachment in response to a quiz question.

Discussion: Students in several classes or just one class can participate in an online class discussion about a calculus concept or about literature like *To Kill a Mockingbird*. World language students can practice their conversational skills in an online discussion. Discussion boards are a helpful way to facilitate discussion about a particular topic for a class or gather feedback from a specific group of users.

Fairview Students Mentor Fairview Board Members During March Meeting

Special thanks to the following FHS students for volunteering to mentor our school board members in the use of 21st century technology including laptops, Google Docs and Forms, Skype, Animoto, Delicious, and Wikispaces: Anthony Bacik, Christina Barnes, Ian Ferralli,



Madison Kincade, Erica Knoll, Jessica Lasky, Conner MacKelvey, Erica Robertson, John Schmidt, Dominic Signorino, Erin Stroup, and Phil Sundin. These digital natives devoted several days reviewing or learning about



different web tools and technologies and then spent the evening teamed with a board member, administrator, or community member to help the digital immigrants navigate their way through the 21st century collaborative web.



Click [here](#) to watch a CFF video shared at the board meeting and to watch other videos about technology in education.



<http://fairviewcff.wikispaces.com/FSD+School+Board>

TESTING

PSSA Science exams will be administered on Wednesday, April 29, and Friday, May 1 to all 11th grade students.

- All 11th grade Vo Tech students are to remain at FHS for the testing.
- All 11th grade RCI students will report to school in time for the tests.
- **Seniors will be required to be here.**

There are three, 60-minute tests that are going to be administered in two settings.

- **Wednesday, April 29:** Students will complete two tests during Periods 1 and 2 and there will be no change to the order of classes.

Parents please encourage your sons/daughters to be rested and have a nourishing breakfast, and take this test seriously.

ACADEMICS

COMMUNICATIONS-ENGLISH

Honors 10 students created a mythological Wikispaces page from their summer readings. It is a great research resource for everyone to use and can be found at this link <http://pstevensfhs.wikispaces.com/2008+Summer+Reading+Mythology>



The National Council for the Teachers of English (NCTE) Writing Award nominee from Fairview High School is Junior **Devin Johns**.

WORLD LANGUAGE

1. Trips - The French Exchange is in full swing. Students, led by Monsieur Hall and Madame Schoeller will be returning the on April 16 from their adventures in Cholet, Paris, Normandie and the Loire Valley!
2. Clubs - The Spanish club distributed Easter cards to the faculty with chocolate treats. They are now preparing for officer elections for next year. These will be held at the *Cinco de Mayo* meeting next month.
3. Classes - Spanish III students have begun reading *Blanca Nieves y los Siete Enanos* (Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs) in class. The culminating activity will be viewing the movie in Spanish and completing a project.

MATH

Mathematics/computer applications and programming teacher, David Double, was honored with the prestigious **Golden Apple Award** by Jet TV and Edinboro University. The television account will be shown on Last year's winner was Mrs. Dreistadt, English Teacher. We are proud to have such quality teachers in our midst. This recognition is the result of nominations from students who feel that these teachers have made a positive change in their lives.

TIGER ROAR - NEWSPAPER

Congratulations to these *Tiger Roar* staffers who won awards yesterday at the annual Northwest Pennsylvania High School Journalism competition:

Garrett Downey	4 th place in Feature Division
Tori Moore	3 rd place in Feature Division
Nick Lackey	4 th place in Sports



In addition, the staff just received a **FIRST PLACE** in the **American Scholastic Press Association** competition of over 2,000 high schools.

Thanks, staff for continuing the *Tiger Roar* award-winning tradition.

SCIENCE

On March 3rd two Fairview High School teams participated in the regional JETS TEAMS competition. JETS (Junior Engineering Technical Society) is a national nonprofit education organization that promotes interest in engineering, science, mathematics, and technology. JETS, which has served pre-college engineering community since 1950, is dedicated to providing real-world engineering and problem solving experience while in high school students. JETS programs challenge students to discover engineering while in high school. JETS puts students in touch with engineers, shows them what engineers do, and demonstrates how the math and science concepts students are learning in class are applied in real life to engineering problems. JETS programs get students involved with engineering and with preparing for reaching for the future. JETS competitions and programs are held on 150 college campuses each year, reaching more than 30,000 students and 2000 teachers.

In the TEAMS (Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics, and Science) eight students work together on engineering problems. Competition problems cover mathematics, chemistry, physics, biology, visual interpretation of information, computer applications, and reading analysis and interpretation. Fairview's Varsity team of John Weidle, Brit Claridge, Beth Facchine, Abigail Bacon, Beth Corbin, Garrett Neer, Andrew Bean, and Nicole Downing placed **third** in their division at **regionals**. The Junior Varsity team of Greg Facchine, Ian Ferralli, Rachel Tallmadge, AJ Fogl, Phil Sundin, Jon Knoll, Wade Christensen and Charles Jelicks placed **fourth** in their division at **regionals**.

Both Varsity and JV teams qualified for State competition. The second portion of their examinations have been forwarded. Results will be announced in April. Fairview traditionally has done well at Regionals and frequently placed well at States. On at least two occasions our teams have placed first in the Nation in their division.

Sadly, our teams did not fare as well this year. It is difficult to explain, except that the questions are very difficult and designed with Ph.D. engineering in mind. When it comes down to it some years the exam is more content based and other years the questions are very specific. We'll be back with our best students next year.

Regional Results	
Varsity	3rd Place
JV	4th Place

State Results	
Varsity	Tied for 7th Place
JV	Tied for 7th Place

National Results	
Varsity	Did not qualify
JV	Did not qualify

FAIRVIEW SCHOOL FOUNDATION

Recently announced approvals of Mini-Grants for High School Staff:

DIGITAL RECORDERS FOR ORAL PROFICIENCY

Carol George – FHS To aid in the acquisition of world language skills.

AWARD: \$448.00

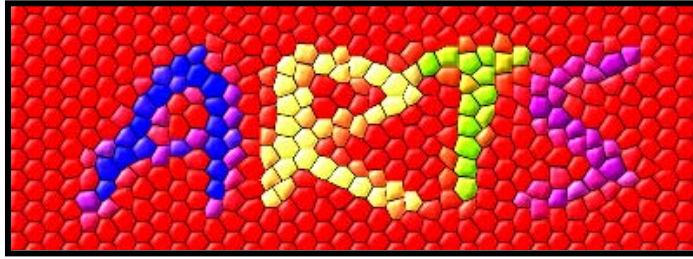
FAIRVIEW FLIPS

Kim Crotty – FHS

AWARD: \$809.86



Remember that you may apply all year. They are looking for creative ideas for things that will enhance your curriculum...taking classroom instruction to a new level.



MUSIC

The Fairview Drama Club recently entertained a total of nine hundred spectators during their three-night run of the Tony Award winning musical *Into The Woods*. Over sixty students participated in the production through involvement in not only acting, but also in set design and construction, costume construction, musicians in the pit, lighting design, follow spot operation and stage management. This musical was unique in that it was truly an ensemble production. The performers worked together to face the challenge of Stephen Sondheim's challenging score. Kudos to all involved in this stellar Drama Club production!



Clockwise starting top left:
Michael Westfall Jackie Krainski,
Perrine Iannacchione, , Devin
Johns, Jameson Testi



PHOTOGRAPHY

Photo II students have work on display at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center (TREC). The judged exhibit at TREC is a local high school film and video competition. The opening reception is April 15 starting at 6pm. The show will run until the end of April. Hope everyone can take some time to stop by and check out our local high school artists.

Stop motion animations are on the shared drive in Mrs. Daley's folder for everyone to enjoy!

Mrs. Daley and Mrs. Schoeller, along with other Erie County art teachers have work exhibited at Mercyhurst College. The exhibit, entitle "Those Who Can... TEACH" will be displayed from April 15th to May 3rd at the Cummings Gallery on the Mercyhurst campus.

Wednesday April 22nd is Earth Day!

Ask yourself this question... ***What can I do in my everyday life to be more green?***
Help spread the word to our students and community and make every day Earth Day!



STUDENT COUNCIL

On Wednesday, April 15, sixteen members of the Student Council went to Pleasant Ridge Manor to help decorate the building for spring. They painted windows, decorated and filled vases with flowers and interacted with residents. The staff at Pleasant Ridge commented that it is essential for residents to see outward, visible signs of the seasons displayed in the building. The efforts of Student Council were greatly appreciated and Pleasant Ridge Manor is looking forward to the students' return.

KEY CLUB ACTIVITIES

Thank you for the community service performed by students and their advisor, Mrs. Joan Martter...making a difference in their world.

Easter Baskets for the Soup Kitchen

Kiwanis Track Meet - cancelled

Filming the FHS Play

Cookies for the Soup Kitchen



MENTORING PROGRAM

Applications for next year's upperclassmen who will act as mentors FOR THE YEAR for our freshmen are now being accepted. Take part in this successful and important program. It is a great experience for everyone.



Listed below are the students from your district that achieved either Perfect Attendance or Honor Roll for 3rd Quarter. Students whose name is **Bolded** under Honor Roll are the students who have earned Distinguished Student status. Thank-You again for the opportunity to work with such wonderful students.

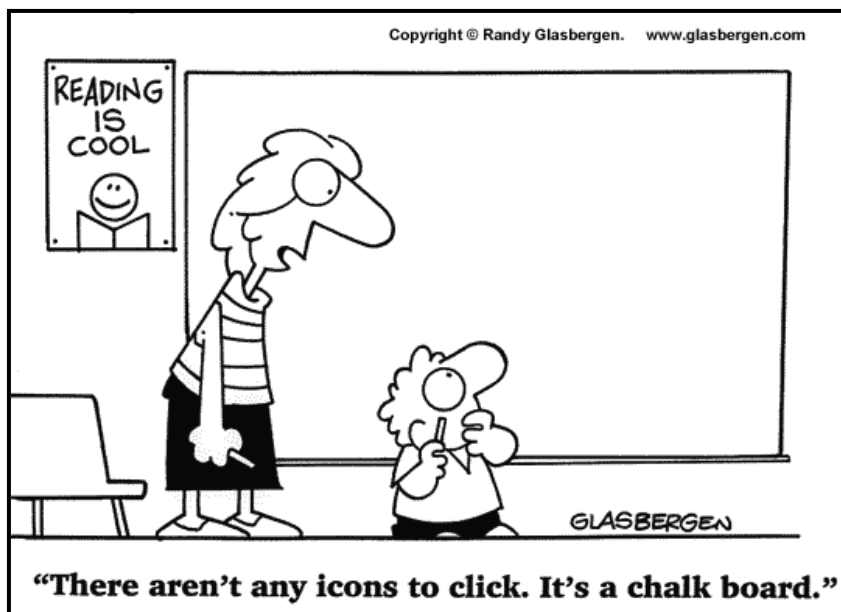
Perfect Attendance

Floyd Nolen	Networking
Tyler Wood	Electrical Engineering

Honor Roll

Robert Ambrose	Computer Information
Alena Dyachkina	Drafting & Design
Tyler Wood	Electrical Engineering

Pamela Lasher
Erie County Technical School



Not the case at FHS, by the way, where there ARE icons to click and use for drawing, surfing, and calculating on our interactive Promethean boards that turn a traditional space into a touchscreen for the class. We’re definitely “not in Kansas anymore.” Our teachers and students are making great use of these modern tools to enhance learning.



JOIN ONE OR MORE OF THE BOOSTER GROUPS THAT DO SO MUCH TO SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS AND PROGRAMS – PATS (Academic) / MUSIC BOOSTERS (Arts) / ATHLETIC BOOSTERS (Sports)

ATHLETICS

The winter sports season came to a close with the announcement of the all-region teams. Chris Glecos was named co-player of the year for Region 4 boys' basketball. He was also a first team selection. Brooks Linkoski earned second team honors. Freshman Lisa Mifsud was named to the first team Region 4 girls' all-star team.

Amanda Lawson, Maggie Glass, Kristen Miller and Mallory Waldinger were named to the *Erie Times News* All-District 10 Girls Swim Team. Glass was also named the Region 2 swimmer of the year. The all-district swimmers also earned first team Region 2 honors with Hollin Nies, Kim Fiorenzo, Ashley Lehr and Sarah Podufal. Waldinger, Nies, Miller, Bre Weible, and Jessica Kocan were second team selections.

Wade Christiansen, Andrew Bean, Richard Petrella and Dan Eiben each earned first team Region 2 honors. Ryan Taylor and Dan Roberts collected second team honors.

Spring sports started in late March with the girls' softball team picking up where they left off last year. The Lady Tigers have posted a 6-0 record during the early part of their schedule. Taylor Rozantz's 1-0 pitching victory over Harbor Creek highlighted the win streak.

The baseball team opened the season with a 2-2 record following a trip to North Carolina over spring break. The track team has also started its dual meet and invitational schedule.

The boys' tennis team is off to a 6-2 start. The Tigers look to defend their District 10 title once again.

Athletes for the week ending 3/27:

Emily Vizzini - Softball
Thomas Shuttleworth - tennis

Week ending 4/3:

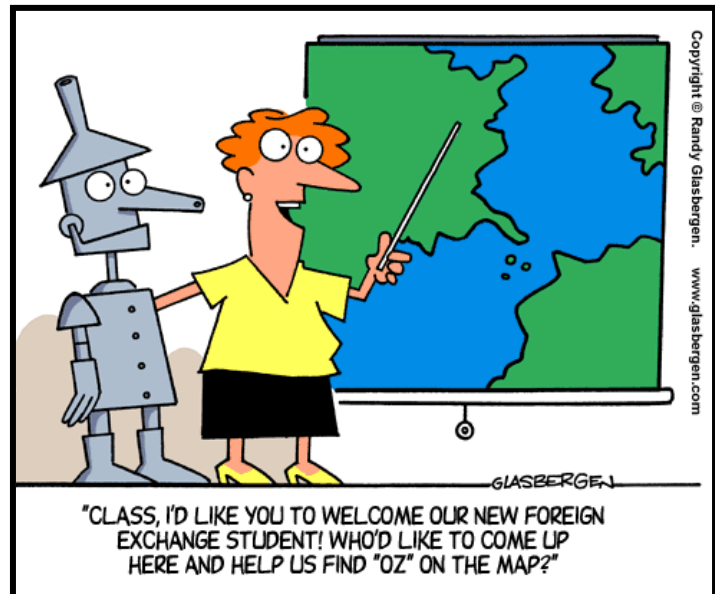
T J Lawrence - Baseball
Taylor Rozantz - Softball
David Gorman - Tennis

Week ending 4/10:

Michael Sundberg - Baseball
Jenna Pollard - Softball
Sam Havko - Track
Beth Corbin - Track
Garret Stolz - Field
Rachel Tallmadge - Field
Jim Fitzgibbon - Tennis

ATTENDANCE

Total number of absences from 3-16-09 to 4-15-09	- 561.5
Average number of absences per day	- 31.1 per day
Average percentage	- 5.5%
Total number of tardies from 3-16-09 to 4-15-09	- 380 tardies
Average number of tardies per day	- 21.1 per day
Average percentage	- 5.5%



DISCIPLINE

As the school year comes to an end and the weather starts to get warmer, students are reminded to adhere to the dress code outlined in the student handbook. Students are also reminded to review the district policy dealing with cell phones and the use of musical devices during the school day. Devices confiscated by staff and turned into the office stay overnight and will be returned the following day at 2:15 p.m.

The first year of the HALT Program is coming to an end. A school wide survey will be given in early May to assess progress and redefined the critical "hot spots" of bullying. Results will be shared with the high school staff and HALT Core Team to plan for next year.

REFOCUS ROOM REPORT

*as of 4 -14-09

This month has been active in the Refocus Room. There is one new student that returned from a residential placement, and is transitioning back to three classes eventually, spending the other with the RR. Our After-School Academic Support Program has also become much busier, and given us an opportunity to help multiple different students return their grades to passing marks. Here is a listing of the total number of students that came, and for what reason they were here:

Gross Disrespect	Disruptive Behavior	Other	Inappropriate Language	Emotional Support	Academic Support	ASASP
53	9	14	3	51	121	87